

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF DALWORTHINGTON GARDENS, TEXAS, CITY COUNCIL HELD ON DECEMBER 19, 2024 AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 2600 ROOSEVELT DRIVE, DALWORTHINGTON GARDENS, TEXAS.**

*While the order of some agenda items may have been changed, the following represents all items discussed and acted upon by the City Council.*

**WORK SESSION AND/OR EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Bianco called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following present:

**Members Present:**

Laura Bianco, Mayor  
Steve Lafferty, Alderman, Place 2  
Cathy Stein, Alderman, Place 3  
Ed Motley, Mayor Pro Tem; Alderman, Place 4

**Members Absent:**

John King, Alderman Place 1  
Paul Sweitzer, Alderman Place 5

**Staff Present:**

Greg Petty DPS Director/City Administrator  
Kay Day, Finance Director  
Sandra Ma, City Secretary/Court Administrator

**2. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*Any action may be deferred until the 7:00 p.m. Regular Session*

**a. Recess into Executive Session:**

City Council recessed into Executive Session at 6:27 p.m.

**i. Pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 551.0171, Attorney Consultation, and 551.0174, Personnel Matters, regarding the Director of Finance.**

**ii. Pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 551.0171, Attorney Consultation, and 551.0174, Personnel Matters, regarding Public Safety Officer.**

**b. Reconvene into Regular Session for discussion and possible action on:**

City Council reconvened from Executive Session at 6:59 p.m. Action was deferred until the Regular Session.

**i. Director of Finance**

No Action Taken.

**ii. Public Safety Officer**

No Action Taken.

**3. WORK SESSION**

**a. Presentation from Kimley-Horn on Madrid Court Project.**

Presentation Received

**b. Work session on listed agenda items, if time permits.**

Item discussed:

- 8d. Approval of Resolution No. 2024-16 to conduct an annual review of the City Investment Policy, in accordance with Chapter 2256 of the Local Government Code, suggesting no changes to the existing policy.
- 8e. Ratification of invoice over \$5,000.00. 2 x Telos LRFXL50 Thermal Monocular. \$8,500.00
- 9b. Discussion and possible action to accept a contract with CGC General Contractors for Dalworthington Gardens Police Station Renovation in an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000.
- 9c. Discussion and possible action on 51<sup>st</sup> Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) project for the City.
- 9d. Discussion and possible action on the progress on developing a list of Park Maintenance activities by the Park Board.
- 9g. Discussion and possible action on approving and updated ILA with the City of Arlington for supplemental coverage.
- 9h. Discussion and possible action on replacement of the “middle” foot bridge on Roosevelt Drive.

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**REGULAR SESSION**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Bianco called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. with the following present:

**Members Present:**

Laura Bianco, Mayor  
Steve Lafferty, Alderman, Place 2  
Cathy Stein, Alderman, Place 3  
Ed Motley, Mayor Pro Tem; Alderman, Place 4

**Members Absent:**

John King, Alderman Place 1  
Paul Sweitzer, Alderman Place 5

**Staff Present:**

Greg Petty DPS Director/City Administrator  
Kay Day, Finance Director  
Sandra Ma, City Secretary/Court Administrator

**2. INVOCATION, AND PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor gave invocation. Pledges were said.

**3. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS**

**a. Presentation of the Volunteer of the Year Award from the Dalworthington Gardens Historical Committee**

Mayor read aloud a proclamation recognizing Pam Miller as 2024 DWG Volunteer of the Year.

**4. ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST**

The following items were presented.

- a. **Santa Parade, Saturday, December 23, 2024. Helicopter 4:00 – 5:00 p.m., Parade 5:30 p.m.**
- b. **Bi-Monthly Park Workday, Saturday, January 11, 2025 from 9:00 a.m. – Noon.**
- c. **Great Backyard Bird Count, Saturday, February 15, 2025 from 10 a.m.– 1 p.m.**

## **5. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Citizens who wish to speak to the City Council will be heard at this time. In compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, unless the subject matter of the presentation is on the agenda, the City staff and City Council members are prevented from discussing the subject and may respond only with statements of factual information or existing policy.

## **6. MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Ed Motley: He thanked the park board and everyone who helped decorate the park. He appreciates the DPS for taking care of everyone over the holidays while everyone is celebrating. He said for anyone traveling to be safe and Merry Christmas to all.

Steve Lafferty: Merry Christmas to all. Happy Holiday, safe travels, and Happy New Year.

Cathy Stein: She said ditto to all the statements already said.

Mayor Bianco: she said this is one of her favorite times of the year. She heard from one of our citizens that the building looks like something you would see in a Hallmark movie. She thanked the Council for allotting money to light up city hall. She was able to buy a new Christmas tree, ornaments, and Christmas lights. She thanked the park board for the fantastic job on the park decorations and with the Pictures with Santa event. She said \$20,549.03 was raised for the Salvation Army Mayoral Challenge, which puts DWG as the winner of the per capita award. She wanted to give a massive thank you to everyone who came out to ring the bell and the folks who were generous with donations. She wanted to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and safe travels.

## **7. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

*Informational reports only; no action to be taken.*

- a. **Director of Public Safety/City Administrator Report**
- b. **Financial Reports**

Departmental Reports were presented.

## **8. CONSENT AGENDA**

*All consent items are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion and vote.*

- a. **Approval of Ordinance No. 2024-13 approving budget amendments for FY2023-2024**
- b. **Approval of Ordinance No 2024-14 approving budget carryovers from the FY 2023-2024 budget to the FY 2024-2025 Budget.**
- c. **Approval of Ordinance No. 2024-15 designating certain accounts and committing/uncommitting certain funds in accordance with the City's Comprehensive Financial Policy and City Budget.**
- d. **Approval of Resolution No. 2024-16 to conduct an annual review of the City Investment Policy, in accordance with Chapter 2256 of the Local Government Code, suggesting no changes to the existing policy.**
- e. **Ratification of invoice over \$5,000.00. 2 x Telos LRFXL50 Thermal Monocular. \$8,500.00**

A motion was made by Council Member Cathy Stein and seconded by Council Member Steve Lafferty to approve the consent agenda.

Motion carried by the following vote:  
Ayes: Members Lafferty, Motley, and Stein  
Nays: None

## 9. REGULAR AGENDA

### **a. Discussion and possible action to award bid for Dalworthington Gardens Police Station Renovation Project #20384**

Background Information:

The City accepted the Competitive Sealed Bids for construction for the DPS Station Renovation. Proposals that had to be delivered by 2:00 p.m. Monday, December 2, 2024. One bid was received. CGC General Contractors.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Ed Motley and seconded by Council Member Steve Lafferty to award bid for Dalworthington Gardens Station Renovation Project #20384 to CGC Contractor

Motion carried by the following vote:  
Ayes: Members Lafferty, Motley, and Stein  
Nays: None

### **b. Discussion and possible action to accept a contract with CGC General Contractors for Dalworthington Garden Police Station Renovation in an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000.**

Background Information:

City Staff has worked with CGC Contractor and City Attorney to bring a contract before council for review.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Ed Motley and seconded by Council Member Steve Lafferty to accept a contact with CGC Contractors for Dalworthington Gardens Police Station Renovation in the amount not to exceed \$2,000,000.00

Motion carried by the following vote:  
Ayes: Members Lafferty, Motley, and Stein  
Nays: None

### **c. Discussion and possible action on 51<sup>st</sup> Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) project for the City.**

Background Information:

Staff is bringing back plans for Council to consider for the 51<sup>st</sup> CDBG Project. Replace water lines in the area of Madrid Court, Roman Court, Chase Court, and Seville Court within the range of \$150,000 - \$180,000 inclusive of engineering and construction.

Kimley-Horn came back with a quote in the amount of \$196,300.00.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Ed Motley and seconded by Council Member Cathy Stein to instruct staff to pursue the 51<sup>st</sup> Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) project for the water line on Madrid.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Members Lafferty, Motley, and Stein

Nays: None

Mayor Bianco stated a public hearing date will be set at the next council meeting January 16, 2025 for citizens input as required in the grant submission.

**d. Discussion and possible action on the progress on developing a list of Park Maintenance activities by the Park Board.**

Background information:

Iashia Bergamini, Park Board Chair, presented a detailed draft list of Park Maintenance to the council.

No action taken.

**e. Discussion and possible action to appoint a Finance Director.**

No action taken.

**f. Discussion and possible action on qualification for library cards to residents.**

Background information:

In 2024, 18 library cards were issued to residents. Out of the 18 people, four have inactive accounts.

Active means the person has come to the library location and signed the acknowledgment of the Library Service Policy, and an Arlington Public Library staff member fully activated their library card.

The staff is asking for directions for non-active library cards.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Ed Motley and seconded by Council Member Cathy Stein to add a criteria to the application that residents will need to activate their card and borrow a least 5 books within a year to be eligible for a subsidized library card the following year.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Members Lafferty, Motley, and Stein

Nays: None

**g. Discussion and possible action on approving and updated ILA with the City of Arlington for supplemental fire coverage.**

Prior Council Action:

May of 2024 council approved a ZERO Cost ILA with the City of Arlington for supplemental fire coverage, Arlington did not sign the previous agreement.

Background Information:

The new proposed ILA agreement would cost an estimated \$2,360.01 per hour for a structure fire response.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Ed Motley and seconded by Council Member Steve Lafferty to approve the updated ILA with the City of Arlington for supplemental fire coverage.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Members Lafferty, Motley, and Stein

Nays: None

**h. Discussion and possible action on replacement of the “middle” foot bridge on Roosevelt Drive.**

Background information:

Staff has previously presented to council the need to replace foot bridges on Roosevelt. The “south” bridge is now complete. Staff is presenting a quote for Council to consider for the “middle” bridge located on Roosevelt near Castelon Court.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Ed Motley and seconded by Council Cathy Stein to approve the replacement of the “middle” foot bridge on Roosevelt Drive.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Members Lafferty, Motley, and Stein

Nays: None

**i. Discussion and possible action regarding amendments to the FY 2024- 2025 budgets in the amount not to exceed \$10,000.00**

No action was taken.

**10. TABLED ITEMS**

None

**11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

City ordinance change on parking commercial vehicles in residential area.

**13. ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.